

DR. SUBIR CHOWDHURY

(Mr. McCOTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements of Dr. Subir Chowdhury, as he releases his twelfth book, "The Ice Cream Maker: An Inspiring Tale About Making Quality the Key Ingredient in Everything You Do."

Since his first published book in 1996, Dr. Chowdhury has revolutionized international management strategy and philosophy. His award-winning book, "The Power of Six Sigma," has sold more than 1 million copies worldwide in over 20 languages. Dr. Chowdhury has been inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, and the Society of Automotive Engineers has presented him with the Henry Ford II Distinguished Award for Excellence in Automotive Engineering.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Chowdhury on the release of his latest book and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his contribution to our community and our country.

BEGIN EFFORT TO BRING TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, this administration began a grim march of folly into Iraq. Today, our troops are bogged down in the middle of a civil war.

Iraq has become an incubator of terrorism. Over 2,300 U.S. troops have been killed, tens of thousands more injured and perhaps 100,000 innocent Iraqis have been killed, with countless others injured.

As both the Iraqi public and the American people demand the U.S. leave Iraq, this administration plans to send more troops. We must bring our troops home. We must vote against any additional appropriations that would be used to keep our troops there.

Plans exist right now that would enable the United States to bring our troops home, to begin the effort to bring our troops home. Not a dime more for continuing this war; not a dime more for an illegal war that was based on lies about weapons of mass destruction.

RETREAT AND DEFEAT DEMOCRATS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, Senator RUSS FEINGOLD sadly reminded America that the Democrat Party is still dancing to the tune of retreat and defeat through appeasement.

Senator FEINGOLD's call to censure President Bush for implementing a legitimate and effective terrorist surveillance demonstrates that Democrats continue to push political ambitions more than our national security.

From DICK DURBIN's slandering our troops as communists, to Howard Dean's defeatist remarks about our troops' efforts, to Senator FEINGOLD's careless call to censure our President, it is obvious that Democrats have no positive plan to protect American families.

Instead of proposing ways to prevent terror attacks on our soil, Democrats prefer to spend their time and energy on political tricks that do not serve the interests of the American people. As our enemies continue to issue threats daily against our country, Republicans will remain committed to proactively investigating, capturing and detaining al Qaeda operatives and any other terrorists who seek to attack American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

CONGRESS MUST STEP IN TO EXTEND DEADLINE ON MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN REGISTRATION

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, in 2 months, about 10 million senior citizens are about to get a Bush Medicare tax imposed on them for the rest of their lives. If they don't sign up for the Medicare prescription drug bill by May 15, then they can't sign up again until the end of the year, and for the rest of their lives they will pay a 7 percent higher premium than their neighbors under exactly the same circumstances just because they couldn't figure out this myriad of dozens of different plans that they are presented with.

This is wrong. The Republicans and the Democrats need to get together to extend the deadline to the end of the year, regardless of what the President decides. It is time for Congress to act and to save these 10 million Americans from having an unfair tax burden on their shoulders for the rest of their lives. It is wrong. Let's fix it.

ROBERT G. CANAR

(Mr. GOODE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert G. Canar has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievements in public service to this Nation by serving the United States Army for over 42 years. Mr. Canar began his public service career in the U.S. Army as an air defense artillery officer and as a military intelligence officer. During

his 22 years on active duty, he served in various assignments in Vietnam, Korea, Europe and in the United States.

Mr. Canar joined the former Foreign Science and Technology Center in 1983 when he was assigned as a division chief supervising collection requirements, imagery, and electronics intelligence branches. Because of his demonstrated abilities, he has been given positions of greater responsibility as the director, information management, and later as the director, programs and resources, which led to major initiatives to renovate Foreign Science and Technology Center's facilities to accommodate growth of the workforce and to secure facilities to meet Sensitive Compartmented Information standards.

Mr. Canar served as the National Ground Intelligence Center's chief of staff from 1994 to 2003, and as the center's acting executive director from 2003 to 2004. In response to the Global War on Terrorism, the center underwent a massive growth with the influx of new responsibilities to support the soldier.

In 2004 Mr. Canar volunteered to serve for a year as the senior intelligence officer with the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Baghdad, Iraq. In this capacity he supervised an International Police Liaison Officer Team and a Multi-National Command-Iraq military team which organized and trained the Iraq Ministry of Interior Criminal Intelligence Service Directorate.

He ended his civil service career as the special assistant to the commander, National Ground Intelligence Center responsible for the establishment of a Joint Use Intelligence Analysis Facility in Charlottesville, VA.

Throughout his service, Mr. Canar has provided outstanding leadership, sound advice and expert professional judgment on significant issues that affected the Army. His actions and counsel were invaluable to Army leaders as they considered the issues facing the Nation today. Mr. Canar's dedication to accomplishing the Army's missions has been extraordinary. He has been a truly outstanding public servant and will be missed by the United States Army.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN; BAD MEDICINE FOR AMERICAN SENIORS

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, since the new Medicare prescription drug plan took effect at the beginning of this year, Members of this body have heard from thousands of frustrated seniors struggling with the confusing and poorly written plan. Now they are dealt a new blow: seniors who don't register in time will be forced to pay a penalty for the rest of their lives.

Most seniors have yet to choose a prescription drug plan, many because they are unable to navigate the complex system, others because they are currently not taking any medication. For every month after May 15, seniors

who have not enrolled will be charged an extra 1 percent of the payment of any plan they eventually do choose, for the rest of their lives.

This new tax on prescription drugs is yet another example of how this Republican plan was written to benefit large drug companies, not the Medicare recipients who need the help.

Democrats are fighting to extend this deadline. Our seniors should not be penalized with a lifetime surcharge for doing their research on these plans.

IS THIS THE DEMOCRATS' AGENDA?

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this week a resolution was introduced in the United States Senate that would censure President Bush over the National Security Agency's surveillance program. We have seen the Democrats launch political stunts before, but this one certainly takes the cake.

They have determined, on their own, that President Bush has broken the law by authorizing surveillance of al Qaeda communications. They are so intent on opposing everything that President Bush is for that they don't seem to realize or even care about the message this sends to the rest of the world as we fight the war on terror.

The fact is, this is a necessary tool in the war on terror, and it is working. As General Michael Hayden, the principle Deputy Director of National Intelligence stated, "We have learned information from this program that would not otherwise have been available. This information has helped detect and prevent terrorist attacks in the United States and abroad."

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have put off releasing their agenda for months now. I guess I can see why, since it includes stripping away important tools to fight the war on terror. Perhaps the Democrats should go back to having no agenda.

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WE NEED TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR MEDICARE PART D SIGN-UP

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, President Bush went to New York yesterday to tout his confusing and failing prescription drug plan for seniors.

The Bush administration has botched this plan since day one. For one, Medicare itself put out all kinds of wrong information that increased confusion among already frustrated seniors. Second, low-income seniors that were promised an easy transition from State programs to Federal programs ran into

huge problems, leaving some seniors no choice but to go without their drugs. Third, States were forced to step in and pick up the tab for the Federal Government's incompetence. It is no wonder that only about five million seniors have willingly signed up for the plan.

Seniors should not be penalized for the Bush administration's incompetence. Unfortunately, that is exactly what will happen if President Bush does not extend the deadline for seniors to sign up for the plan.

Two months from today, May 15, is the deadline for seniors to sign up for a plan; and if they do not, the administration will permanently increase their premium with a 1 percent penalty for every month they wait to sign up.

Democrats want this deadline extended, and we want to fix the drug plan so it works for seniors and the disabled and not just the drug and insurance companies.

EXTEND THE DRUG BENEFIT DEADLINE

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Medicare drug program is off to a rocky start, as President Bush put it yesterday.

Following a dozen town hall meetings I have held in my district on the part D benefit, my constituents remain confused and doubtful that the drug plan will work for them. As a result, many seniors on Long Island have not yet signed up. Many of those who have chosen a plan are encountering delays in their applications and will not receive their drug cards until after the May 15 sign-up deadline.

Adding insult to injury, seniors will be penalized with a 1 percent premium increase for every month after the deadline passes. This Bush Medicare penalty should not be piled on top of the already overwhelming burden of understanding the drug benefit.

Mr. Speaker, America's seniors deserve real help keeping up with soaring prescription drug costs. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support a 6-month extension of the sign-up deadline so that seniors are not punished and they receive the affordable life-saving drugs they deserve.

DEFINING DEVIANCY DOWN

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan described the process by which perverse behavior slowly becomes accepted by society over time. He called it "defining deviancy down."

A recent newswire story illustrates his point. The story reports that Germany's sex industry is gearing up to handle a record demand for prostitu-

tion during the 2006 World Cup soccer tournament.

One man involved in the criminal underworld of German prostitution told the reporter, "Football and prostitution are a great match. What else could you hope for?"

What else could you hope for? Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the evils of prostitution and human trafficking be condemned by society, not flaunted. I would hope for an end to sexual exploitation of women and children. I would hope for some sanity to prevail in the civilized country of Germany.

The story also reports that there are an estimated 15,000 victims of sex trafficking in Germany at any given time. That, Mr. Speaker, is the real cost of defining deviancy down.

MILITARY RECRUITERS AT COLLEGES

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Supreme Court for upholding the Solomon amendment, which permits the withholding of Federal funds from colleges that close their doors to military recruiters.

This case is a glaring indictment of our liberal influence within our colleges and institutions of higher learning, these spineless liberals who speak of the concept of allowing differing points of view, but in reality they oppose it.

Look no further than one of our Nation's most liberal colleges, Yale University. Last year, it admitted a Taliban spokesman as a special student, even as Yale Law School was suing in Federal Court to ban U.S. military recruiters from its campus.

As Americans, we should be appalled with this seditious behavior and hold these liberals accountable for their actions. Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court's verdict last week is a victory for common sense and for the protection of our country against liberal lunacy.

POLL BRINGS POSITIVE NEWS

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, a poll was released today which reaffirms what many on this side of the aisle, Republicans, are telling seniors at our town hall meetings: The Medicare prescription drug program is working.

In a poll conducted last week by Ayres, McHenry & Associates, 6 out of 10 seniors who voluntarily enrolled in the Medicare Part D program reported that they are saving money in the program.

A second survey by the same group found that 9 out of 10 seniors eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, dual eligibles, stated that they were having no